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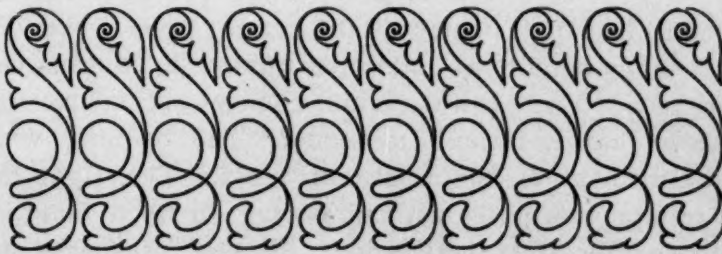
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"Once more we greet the glad New Year.
With hope, and faith in God above ;
From out our hearts we banish fear,
Sure of our Heavenly Father's love.

"We give Thee thanks for all the past,
We pray for strength for coming days ;
And now, and then, and first, and last,
Help us to know Thy righteous ways."





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Each January naturally reminds us of new things, beginnings, renewals. It is as though the New Year were a milestone from which, some how, we could make a fresh start. That is well, perhaps; but it is better, surely, to be able to note steady growth, constant advancement, daily uplift; and this is possible—is it not?—for us, both as individuals and as workers together. Bishop Brooks said, "We should aim not so much to do new things as to do the old things in a spirit of new consecration." Here is our work; the same this year as it was last, but we may bring to it more consecration, enthusiasm, faith, prayer. Mrs. Browning has some where expressed the thought that if God cannot work through us He will work over us. Let this, then, be our aim for the New Year: that we may be such open channels for His love and will that He can work through us, unhindered. . . . History is being made so rapidly, in these days, that even our mission study books, so recently issued, need to be supplemented by the current periodicals. We cannot intelligently study conditions and opportunities in Moslem lands without keeping in touch with the marvelous changes taking place in Turkey. What do these changes mean to missions? The opening wide of new doors. The freedom of the Christian press. The right to travel or gather for religious purposes without having to try to obtain a difficult and sometimes impossible permission. Greater prosperity for native churches. A larger number of Moslem boys and girls in the mission schools. The unrestricted circulation of the Bible and other good books. "Certain it is that doors, for the opening of which Christian workers of

earlier days prayed and saw not the answer to their prayers, are now open, and invite us to enter." Read the illuminating articles in the *Missionary Review* for November and the *Outlook* of Nov. 7. The end is not yet; but whatever may be the "growing-pains" of Turkey's freedom, something definite has already been accomplished which cannot be taken away. . . . No less significant, to our thinking, than the awakening of China and the revolution in Turkey, is the rapidly growing and practically manifested interest in missionary enterprises by the people of America, as expressed in the Young People's and Laymen's Missionary Movement, the frank avowal of statesmen and financiers, the reports at the Annual Meeting of the American Board, and that "most remarkable religious gathering in the history of Protestantism in America," the Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America which represented thirty denominations, eighteen millions of communicant members, with four hundred delegates. We believe that the discussion of the subject "Foreign Missions and the Co-operation of All Christendom" will have far-reaching and happy results. We note that Dr. Rivington D. Lord of Brooklyn was appointed Recording Secretary. Mrs. Lord attended this great meeting in Philadelphia with him. . . . A post card just received from Mrs. Metcalf brings this good news: "Storer College is in the midst of a glorious revival. The meetings are conducted by Mr. Richard Thompson, and more than fifty have become Christians." There are many reasons for "praise" in our meeting next month, as well as every day and hour until then. . . . It was the editor's privilege to meet with the Juniors of the F. B. Church of Portland, in November. It was a delight, because they were so interesting and interested. They are a praying band of boys and girls which means power. At the close of the meeting they voted to take a share in Miss Barnes' salary. . . . Another cause for thanksgiving comes with the new Annual Report from India. Dr. Ford writes: "This has been the most prosperous year, with the largest results, of any during the mission's history." We heartily say "Amen" to another statement in his letter, "We must not fail to give the proper support and proper encouragement to our workers over there. To lag, or fail them now would be criminal." . . . A Canadian sister sends a letter of loving sympathy for our work and speaks of her enjoyment of "the beautiful and helpful selections, so frequent in the MISSIONARY HELPER." How do you like the *new* quotations, in the several departments? Have they inspiration for us?

THE PILGRIM ROAD

By Ada Tucker Stiles.

She clutches in one hand the rags, That hide her body half from view; And tilts upon her head the load, Upon the half made road to strew.	Hope sits with shining wings above This ancient, death-tracked, skull- marked way; And Faith looks on with clear-lit eyes; And Love has watched it day by day.
She dumps her basket on the ground, And calls the count in stirring tones; And thus makes she the old-time road With basketfuls of pounded stone.	Unthinkingly this heathen toils, Upon her parched Indian sod; Nor hears the ancient prophet's word "Cast up a highway for our God."

Nor dreams that, where her farings
trend,

By heathen temple and bazaar;
Shall ten the heralds of God's love,
The soldiers of the Christian war.

SONS OF THE PROPHET

BY REV. E. H. LOUGHER.

I do not recall the exact number of Mohammedans in our field, but roughly speaking, on the basis of the population in other like sections, one-sixth to one-tenth, the larger per cent being in the towns.

There is one thing that impresses you always: They are a more manly type of people. Idolatry does certainly take something out of manhood that Mohammedanism does not. There is the fire and flash of independent manhood in them. They are loyal even to the point of fanaticism, devoted in spreading their belief and cruel in persecution toward any who break away from them to embrace Hinduism or Christianity.

We have done something for them in a very inadequate manner and I have often tried to analyze the situation in our own field, both as regards our success or failure, and also our attitude in the matter of definite work among them.

First, I think there is the usual tendency to go along the line of least resistance. Neither the aboriginal Santal, the Khand, nor the Hindu presents to the Christian worker, native or white, so solid a wall of opposition. The native workers, most of them, do not court his charge; the white man, if he is in our field, has put most of his strength in language-getting, into Bengali, Oriya, etc., and he is not fluent enough in Hindu-

stani to deal with him as he can with the man whose language he has mastered. Then, too, I fear there is a tendency to think, not truly, however, like Catholics, it is "once a Mohammedan, always a Mohammedan," and they are often let alone.



DR. MARY BACHELER AND PATIENTS IN THE DISPENSARY
MIDNAPORE, INDIA

They do make it hot for a man who cuts loose. Only the fear of English law saves his life, and I am not sure that even that always avails. In fact, I am certain it does not; and the experience of some of our own people along that line makes a story of heroic endurance.

The Mohammedan is proud and fiery. He looks down on the Hindu. He knows he is his superior, and if he had half a show he would conquer him and be his master. He also has the "little knowledge," enough of truth, to make him dangerous.

On the other hand, he is really poor and weak and blind, and needs

help sadly. The hardness of the proposition, as compared with the work among Hindus, is that the Hindu is off the track and he knows it, while the Mohammedan is hopelessly wrecked and he is dead sure he is in a parlor car whizzing along straight to glory.

Morally, I don't know that he is bad as the Hindu; the Lord knows, however, he is bad enough. He is ignorant (most of him) especially in the country, and yet bright and capable when he gets a show at the real things of life and education.

We have had a few who have been most efficient workers, and I have noticed that whenever one gets converted you have something worth while. He has the courage to talk and the backbone to stand.

Considerable has been done for the families of Mohammedans by our Bible and Zenana women. In fact, I think this has been probably the best work we have done among them; this, and that of a medical character.

They are a great possibility and "Foes worthy of our steel."

We shall more fully tackle the problem as we man our field better and get into swing for the Kingdom the larger mass of idolators about us. We need more schools among them, more preachers for them, more missionaries who can make their language a study, more money put into literature for them. This is specific. In general, to finish the job, we need more faith, more life, more prayer, and some dollars.

THE CRY OF WOMANHOOD IN MOSLEM LANDS

BY SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, F. R. G. S

The total number of our Moslem sisters who suffer the horrors of Islam under the yoke of the False Prophet can be conservatively put at no less than one hundred million. While many of them live among pagans and Christians in lands that are not wholly or largely Mohammedan, the vast bulk are found in those lands of Asia and Africa where Moslems are in the majority and where the whole social, ethical and literary environment is Mohammedan to the very core. In Asia this means the following countries and provinces: Arabia, Afghanistan, Persia, Syria, Asia Minor, Turkey, Turkestan, Bokhara and Khiva. The Punjab, Baluchistan, Bengal and Hyderabad are the chief centers of Islam in India, and we may add to these the three provinces in the west of China—Kansu, Shensi and Yunnan—with perhaps six million Moslem women.

In Africa, Islam has covered the largest area in its conquest and missionary propaganda. The stronghold of Mohammedanism lies along the Mediterranean. North of twenty degrees latitude Moslems constitute ninety-one per cent of the population and the following lands are almost wholly Mohammedan: Egypt, Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, Morocco, Barka, French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, British Somaliland, the Niger Districts, Gambia Protectorate, Senegal and the Zanzibar Protectorate. *Every third woman in the Dark Continent is a follower of Mohammed and a victim of the social system which he established.* Surely this cry as of pain will not be unheeded in our prayer for Africa's redemption.

The pleading cry from our Moslem sisters has first of all the note of long neglect. The Church of Christ has not given the Moslem world "a square deal" in the distribution of the Bread of Life. We have lost centuries of opportunity and allowed Islam to overspread regions once pagan and to become firmly rooted in lands once Christian. The largest unoccupied areas in the world of missions today are Moslem lands and the class of people most neglected in China and India are the Moslems.

The cry of distress is also a cry of pain. The testimony given by missionary workers in that wonderful book, "Our Moslem Sisters," is full of pathos and unveils conditions that are heartrending. And if women who are enjoying the idleness of luxury and the lap of ease shrug their shoulders at the words of pious missionaries, let them read Pierre Loti's last novel, "Disenchanted," and know what it is to suffer a living death in the seraglio and zenana. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop wrote of Islam in North Africa: "These false faiths degrade women with an infinite degradation. The intellect is dwarfed while all the worst passions of human nature are stimulated and developed in a fearful degree. There are no sanctities of home; nothing to tell of righteousness, temperance and judgment."

But this cry of distress is also a cry of hope, a cry of those who stand on tip-toe and catch the sight of the coming dawn. The Moslem women of Russia recently sent a petition to the Duma pleading for their rights against the cruel oppression of their husbands. The women of Persia have a woman's journal which begins to voice their cry for deliverance. A Moslem judge of the high court in Egypt recently wrote a book on "The New Woman" and preached social reform in the matter of the veil, divorce, polygamy and the almost universal illiteracy of the Moslem

women. Work among Moslem women in Asia and Africa is possible now as never before in the history of missions.

There is today a new Persia, a new Egypt, a new Turkey, a new Algiers. Even in Morocco and Arabia, countries which have long been at the antipodes of progress, the march of civilization and intellectual awakenings are revolutionizing the attitude of many of the people. All of Northern Africa will soon be under the protection of Christian governments; three-fourths of the Arabian coastline is practically under British protection, and the recent treaty between Russia and England as regards Persia, together with the political awakening, gives promise of new conditions which will greatly further the work of evangelization.

A conference held at Mecca, in 1899, by delegates from every part of the Mohammedan world, gave fifty-eight reasons for the failure of Mohammedanism, and the interesting report of that conference, in Arabic, has already reached the second edition. A similar meeting was held at Cairo last November, and the subject of the main address by a learned Moslem from Russia was "The Cause of the Decay of Islam." The railroad from Damascus to Mecca is now open as far as Medina, and as Christian engineers and builders are being employed on the work it does not seem improbable that before many years it will be possible for col-porteurs at least to reach the sacred cities. Mecca itself will hear the screech of the locomotive in 1911.

As regards the situation in Egypt, the late Mr. Douglas M. Thornton wrote shortly before his death: "It does seem as if the field here were dead ripe and we shall soon have a large ingathering." In Turkey, unless all signs fail, there will be a crisis of opportunity for missions such as this century has not seen. Turkey may yet prove the Korea of the Mohammedan world.

In Persia there are many signs of promise. Persia is aroused from the slumber of centuries. Mass meetings are held where thousands are being addressed on social progress and political liberty. With new life there has come also a new aspiration. Newspapers have sprung up in almost every city. A new type of schools is being established, and a missionary writes of the general situation: "The time is near when the whole nation shall realize that it has outgrown its religious as well as its political clothes and shall seek for better things."

In Afghanistan the Ameer himself has expressed his desire for the introduction of western education and science, and it will not be long

before the door of Afghanistan will be opened for pioneer missionary effort. One society has already been formed in England with the special purpose of entering this great closed land. From the heart of Asia and the most Mohammedan of all cities, Bokhara, Missionary Larson writes that a Moslem professor, now a convert, is convinced that Jesus Christ will conquer Mohammed and that his kingdom will soon fill the earth. With all these evident tokens of liberty of speech, of awakened hearts and of doors thrown wide open, surely the time has come for aggressive work in behalf of Moslems in these lands.

When I hear some of the old-time and foolish objections among Christians (and especially among women, who above all should have a heart for this problem), objections that the time has not yet come to work in Moslem lands and that Moslems are not convertible—I am always reminded of the words of Dr. Lepsius at the Cairo Conference: "The time is not yet come, because we have forgotten to wind the clock; the doors are shut, because we keep the key in our pockets; the Mohammedans are not converted, because we ourselves have not yet been sufficiently converted."

Will you not wind *your* clock, take the key out of *your* pocket, and pray God to give *you* a burning love for *your* Moslem sisters?—*Woman's Missionary Friend.*

OPEN LETTER

*To Yearly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, Conferences and Association
Woman's Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the F. B. W. M. S.*

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS:—In accordance with our usual custom, the general officers of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society are writing this letter, with the hope it will be read and acted upon at the next session of your respective societies, and be acted upon by your officers, if there is no early meeting of your societies.

We note, first of all, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, the loyalty of all our workers, in the home land and in India during these strenuous times in the history of our denomination.

There are some things which need attention now. Of these we especially write.

FIRST:—We suggest action *at once*, in the following matters:

I. A division of the apportionment made by the F. B. W. M. S.

to State societies, among quarterly meetings and conferences, and that these, in turn, subdivide among local auxiliaries, and churches without them, and secretaries be instructed to assign, by letters, these local apportionments. This should be done yearly.

II. Instruct your secretaries to correspond with auxiliaries and churches in your respective districts by *April 1*, urging them to observe the Thank Offering in May, sending to Miss Porter for supplies.

III. Appoint organizers for the purpose of organizing Auxiliaries, Cradle Rolls and Advanced Light Bearers. The need in this direction is imperative.

IV. Instruct your agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER to secure prompt payment of subscriptions, to obtain new subscribers, and to enlist women in a personal support of our magazine, by taking \$3.00 shares, or paying for five subscribers yearly. This is legitimate Missionary work, because the MISSIONARY HELPER can do more for our cause than a field agent.

V. See that auxiliaries have membership committees *at once*, and that remittances are made promptly by local treasurers.

SECOND:—We urge that agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER, State, quarterly meeting and conference, arrange for a public presentation of its needs at one session yearly of these bodies, and, at the same time, make an appeal for shares or pledges.

THIRD:—Please bear in mind that, after January 1, 1909, all contributions are to be sent to the assistant treasurer of the F. B. W. M. S., Miss Edyth R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

FOURTH:—The Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society is passing through a critical period in its history, due to agitation of denominational union, and unless we hold steadfastly to the idea that India and Storer College need our efforts just as much as, even more than, ever before, and this work is just as dear as ever to the heart of God, we may lose our grip upon it. Because of the situation we trust the February month of prayer, and our ten o'clock Quiet Hour will be faithfully observed in recognition of our dependence on God in this our hour of need.

May 1909 mark an era of great success in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society because we have put to test our motto, "Faith and Works Win," which never fails to bring satisfactory results.

MARY A. DAVIS, *Pres.*

ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec'y.*

MINNIE A. MILLIKEN, *Cor. Sec'y.*

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.*

of F. B. Woman's Missionary Society.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

BY HARRY S. MYERS.

The Young People's Missionary Movement is the organized effort of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and Societies of the United States and Canada. It produces literature and trains the leaders in missionary education for the various denominations.

The management of the Movement is in the hands of a Board of Managers of thirty-nine members, twenty of whom are secretaries of mission boards and societies, and nineteen are prominent business and professional men. The majority of power must always be with the mission boards, by whom the Movement was organized and for whom the work is directed.

The Board of Managers in its discussions of plans always keeps the fundamental principle in mind, namely that this movement exerts to serve mission boards in their work of missionary education; originally the work was largely with Young People's organizations, but as the mission boards deemed it wise to cultivate the Sunday School field, the work of the Movement was enlarged to include it. At present some boards deny help for men's clubs and the Movement will attempt to furnish this help. The Movement has no constituency, no field of its own outside of the boards. It co-operates with the boards as they desire.

In the last six years the number of persons studying missions, based upon the sales of text-books, has increased from 17,000 to 175,000, and the prospect for the present year is that there will be the same large increase that has been manifested in the preceding year. The text-books that are in the largest demand this year are the new books.

The editing of all the books and other publications of the Movement is done by the Editorial Department, which secures authors, and arranges for all the work of editing and the preparation of manuscripts of everything produced by the Movement.

The publications of the Movement are entrusted to the Publication Department with a secretary, who devotes his time in making the arrangements with printing houses and seeing that the publications that have been properly approved are brought from the press and sent to the denominational mission boards for distribution.

The Movement also secures photographic material for distribution. The aim is to provide fresh pictures for the use of Home and Foreign

Mission boards, which pictures sympathetically show the need, the work, and the result of missions. The pictures are not posed, but show things as they are.

Two editions of a series of six large pictures with stories for use as missionary programs in the Sunday School have been issued, and the third series of programs will be ready for distribution early in January. Other forms of pictorial material now available include stereographs, enlargements, lantern slides, post cards, and illustrations for the press.

The aim of the Sunday School Department is to bring the life and literature of missions to bear on the child's religious life, and to develop the missionary knowledge as part of the Christian life, and to educate the future church in the work of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

A conference is held at Silver Bay, on Lake George, N. Y., each summer, to train leaders in this kind of work for the churches. In the institutes which are held every autumn and winter different work is also presented and a missionary policy for the Sunday School has been proposed which has been adopted by many of the Mission Boards, and by some of the International State Sunday School Associations, with which this department is in close touch, as it is helping to shape the policies of the missionary departments of many Sunday School Associations. This department has edited and published *Uganda's White Man of Work*, by Mrs. Fahs, *Missionary Programs for the Sunday School*, a book of biography, by Mr. Robert E. Speer, and several other forms of missionary instruction are now in preparation.

There are three field secretaries of the Movement, in the Field Department. The work has grown so during the last year that a Western Field Secretary with an office in Chicago, and a Canadian Secretary with an office in Toronto, have been added to the force, and as soon as proper men can be found, an Eastern Field Secretary and a Southern Field Secretary will be set at work, under the direction of the General Field Secretary, whose office is in New York. The Field Department has charge of the summer conferences, of which four will be held in the summer of 1909, has charge of the assistance which the Movement renders to the Metropolitan Institutes which are held during the autumn and winter, and gives assistance to various denominational gatherings.

The general administrative work of the Movement is in charge of the General Secretary, Mr. Harry Wade Hicks, assisted by myself. This department keeps in intimate touch with the mission boards, secures the

finances for the Movement and co-ordinates the work of the various departments.

The Young People's Missionary Movement has gone far beyond the sanguine expectations of any of its founders. Dr. Ford, Professor F. B. Meyer, and myself, were the Free Baptist delegates at the first conference held at Silver Bay, in 1902, at which time the Movement was organized. At that time the Executive Committee talked of holding one more conference which was thought to be all that would ever be necessary, but we have been obliged not only to hold one more, but many more in various parts of the country.

During the winter a deputation is to be organized and sent out to some of the cities of this country to assist the boards in getting in closer missionary touch with the churches. This ought to lead to a large increase in efficiency.

Mission study was a practical impossibility to almost all denominations until an interdenominational movement actually touching the mission boards was organized. It would be impossible for Free Baptists to write, edit and publish any mission study books of equal value with those that are now published without an enormous outlay of money or without greatly increasing the price of the books. Only two denominations have ever thought that they were strong enough to do this work all by themselves, and one of them nearly failed. Every denomination has received a great increase in missionary interest and inspiration through these conferences and through the work to which they have been inspired.

It may be interesting to note a few expressions from people who have attended some of the summer conferences. I quote a few at random gathered at one of our conferences last summer:

"Since coming here I have found my personal Saviour."

"I am willing to go His way."

"I found more than I expected."

"I want to go as a missionary some day, and hope that I may have the privilege."

There came to one of our conferences one summer a young lady from New York with no thought of ever becoming a missionary, and during the progress of the conference she was led to feel that she ought at least to offer herself to her own mission board. She did so and was very promptly declined, but she went at once to a missionary training

school in Chicago, and went from there to work among the foreigners in the iron mills south of Pittsburg as a home missionary, and her life, which she had thought was to be passed in obscurity in a large church in New York, is now a light on a hill.

At our Lake Geneva Conference two years ago there was a young school teacher who is now in Malaysia, and the list might be multiplied.

There are scores of people in all denominations who owe their vision of Christ to their study of missions, and we ought to feel very grateful for the large vision that has come to our people through a study of the needs of the field.

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

We may not see the New Year's death
Who hail it at its birth,
But we shall help to make or mar
The harmony of earth.

All through this cycle and beyond
The impress of each soul
Shall still be felt for good or ill
And help to mould the whole.

—*Mrs. Mary B. Wingate.*

In Memoriam

"We shall go home at evening and find it morning there."

In that bright land of fadeless bloom,
Which lies beyond the silent tomb,
Immortal life awaits our coming,
And death unbars its gates of morning.

—*Arthur Edwin Haynes.*

MRS. SUSAN I. ROYAL, Auburn, Maine, October 27, 1908.

MRS. L. E. SHOREY, Litchfield, Maine, November 25, 1908.

NOTE.—When a member of an Auxiliary passes on, it is fitting that name, place of residence and date of death should appear under "In Memoriam." Resolutions and obituaries are not printed in THE HELPER.



From the Field

I have long since ceased to pray, "Lord Jesus, have compassion upon a lost world." I remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, "I have had compassion on a lost world, and now it is time for you to have compassion. I have given My heart; now give your hearts."—A. F. Gordon, D. D.

NOTES

The following post card message, dated Seattle, Washington, Nov. 23, has been received from Miss Butts: "This is just to say 'Goodbye.' Off tomorrow for Japan, China and Calcutta, on a Japanese steamship, the Shinano Maru. Do not expect to reach Calcutta before Jan. 1, perhaps a week later. With love to all, E. M. B." As we write, we send out a prayer for her safety, trusting that when this *HELPER* reaches Midnapore, she, too, will be there, in Henderson Home, happily at work after her furlough. . . . The following item is taken from the *Hillsdale* (Mich.) *Standard* of Nov. 28: "There is a happy home on Fayette Terrace at Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Ward's because of the arrival on

Saturday, from Kyoto, Japan, of their children, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sidney Phelps, and the two grandchildren. The furlough has been well earned by Mr. Phelps, who has been very successful in his work as foreign secretary of the Y. M. C. A. . . . Mrs. Stone writes: "Have you heard that our dear Rachel Bose is a widow and her three little girls are fatherless?" Mr. Bose died suddenly in the Punjab, Sept. 28. Mrs. Bose was sent for in haste. By mistake she took the wrong train. The right one—humanly speaking—was wrecked. From what possible consequences was she spared? After the burial, Rachel returned to Midnapore where she had left the children. She writes: "The Lord gave me an earthly protector and it pleased Him to take him away from me, so now I am alone with these helpless little ones. I miss my husband much. He was so good and kind to me." Our friend and fellow worker across the sea has our loving sympathy. . . . Rev. C. A. Collett writes from Balasore: "Mrs. Griffin has translated a 'Bengali Hymn.' [See July, 1908, HELPER] so nicely that it seems to me our American friends ought to hear the tune. Not being a musician, I hesitate to send the tune I use with the violin. None of our Oriya and very few Bengali songs have the music written, so we are dependent on those who hand the tunes down to us. I have written the piece as we sing it. We use only one-part music in India. You will notice that the principal thing is to repeat. The Indian loves the 'repeat' more than any other musical sign, hence if you wish to be Oriental, repeat any score, in season and out of season. The 'Oh Salvation' is set off by itself and is sung after the chorus. This is one of the unexpected things we have in Indian music. The first two lines are really the chorus, and true to custom, are always sung first, as well as after each verse, and sometimes several times between verses. Give the piece plenty of life. The song is so universally used in church, bazars, market and country work that I feel confident that our American co-laborers will enjoy singing it with us." We regret that we cannot print the music, but many of you can ask Dr. Kennan or Mr. Lougher to sing it, and others can borrow the manuscript from the Bureau by sending a stamp for postage—see Mrs. Chapman's address on third page of cover. . . . Two interesting photographs of Henderson Home and Brown Dispensary have been received from Dr. Mary Bacheler. Of the bit of the interior of the dispensary which we present this month, she writes: "There were about a dozen women in the Dispensary that morning. You would have laughed at the two shrouded figures in front, Mo-

hammedan purdah women, who weren't coming into the picture at all, and hid in another part of the room when Mr. Griffin came in with his camera, but I coaxed them out. There were as many as five garries here, all bringing patients; a bullock garry which would have been a unique addition to the picture of the exterior, came too late."

TREASURER'S NOTES

Your treasurer has had a busy time during November, rearranging her work and making a division between that and the assistant treasurer's, in accordance with the action of the Society last August. The division between the duties of the two officers need not be confusing, if all will bear in mind that contributions are to be sent to Miss Edythe R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass., and communications for information, and to give information, about the work are to be sent to Miss Laura A. DeMeritte, Dover, N. H. Remember that this plan is operative from January 1, 1909. The treasurer expects to keep in close touch with the work by having the letters containing money, and requiring special attention, sent to her monthly.

It was stated in the December Notes that the receipts from Maine for two months had not been received. It seemed strange, as Mrs. Thurlough, the State treasurer, is usually prompt and in this case, there was no exception to the rule, as she sent them October 31. But, by some oversight, the letter got into the office of a business college, and through another oversight, remained there for about four days—strange place for a business letter to be stranded! As a result of the delay the receipts for Maine will be more than \$250 for November.

The total contributions for the month are unusually large, as they include several hundred dollars for the President's House at Storer College. All interested will be glad to know that the first \$1,000 are pledged and \$500 of the sum are paid. Not even your treasurer knows the giver; but, I am sure, we all thank the one who has so generously responded to the need. This practically assures the erection of the House in the near future, though about \$1,400 are still needed to complete the \$4,000 which the Trustees asked the Woman's Missionary Society to secure. Mrs. Metcalf is doing a noble work in raising this money. The other day she sent to the treasury \$25 from Mrs. Davis, our President, and \$35 from "two friends of the cause," and she is, while I write, sup-

posedly on her way to Storer College, giving her services to the Institution this winter. The executive committee of the F. B. W. M. S. has asked that Mrs. Metcalf be made a member of the building committee. I am sure we all join in expression of good wishes for her and her work in the school. The Hills Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Dover, N. H., has adopted a novel way of getting money for this building, from which it will probably net several dollars. The plan is to get as many people in the church as possible to collect and sell newspapers and magazines, for which a good price can be obtained at present, contributing the money to this work. Try it.

I am often reminded of the continued faithful efforts of those who are supporting children, teachers and schools in India. As many as a dozen auxiliaries and individuals have sent money, for these objects, to the treasury, during November. Special support of schools and children and teachers gives a certain stability to the treasury, as it is a source of income to be relied upon all the time. I wish there might be a revival of the practice of assuming support of orphans in Sinclair Orphanage, as there has been a large number added of late. Are there not those who would like to adopt children—families without them, to whom might come, by the practice of a little self-denial in sending \$25 a year to the treasury for some special child, an enlargement of sympathy for the work, and so a great spiritual blessing? Will not some one who reads these notes think seriously regarding this matter? I shall be glad to correspond with many about these children.

This should be a busy time for the agents of the MISSIONARY HELPER, collecting subscriptions from old and new subscribers. From one pulpit, on a recent Sabbath morning, it was announced that subscriptions to our little magazine should be paid in advance because of recent rulings by the post-office department, also the name of the agent was given. I thought it was an excellent plan to do this, and hope others will pursue equally as business-like methods in urging prompt payment of HELPER dues. Let me suggest that it will very much lighten the burdens of your agent for you to pay her without waiting for her solicitations, as, if she is a good agent, she is a very busy woman.

There are so many personal gifts in our November receipts, I should like to name them all, but I cannot, so simply heartily thank all who have helped to make the month's contributions as large as they are. Please read carefully the Roll of Honor statement. If you find the Juniors or

Sunday School of your church in arrears for Miss Barnes' salary, will you not help to keep it on the April Roll, by using your influence in favor of payment of the share or shares before March 1?

As you all know, the quarter closing with February 28 is always a hard one in which to collect and send money to the treasury. Because of this, will you take the need into the Quiet Hour, asking that hearts may be moved to give?

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

Dover, N. H.

(All money to be sent to Miss Edythe R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.)

"GO FORWARD"

WHEN from the Throne of God, that throne where the weary have refuge,
Where in the midst of distress, there is calm, that mandate is uttered,—
Mandate not uttered alone that day for the thousands of Judah,
But to all ages addressed, and to all generations,—'GO FORWARD.'
FORWARD, when all seems lost, and the cause looks utterly hopeless;
FORWARD, when brave hearts fail, and to yield is the rede of the coward;
FORWARD, when friends fall off, and enemies gather around thee;
Thou, though alone with thy God, alone in thy courage, GO FORWARD.
Help, though deferred, shall arrive; ere morn the night is at darkest.

Neale's "Egypt."

Do today's duty, fight today's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourselves by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them. God gives nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We cannot see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.—*Christian Work.*

All the world is but as one orphanage, so long as its children know not God their Father; and all wisdom and knowledge is only more bewildered darkness so long as you have not taught them the fear of the Lord; not to be taken out of the world in monastic sorrow, but to be kept from its evil in shepherded peace.—*John Ruskin.*

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"If you would get the best results, do your work with enthusiasm as well as with fidelity."

TOPICS FOR 1908-1909

October—Roll-call and Membership.
November—The Nearer and Farther East:
1. Islam: Its Character and Conquests.
December—2. The Social Evils of Islam.
January—3. The Story of Missions to Moslems.
February—Prayer and Praise.
March—Home Missions.
April—4. The Work That Remains to be Done.
May—Thank-Offering.
June—5. Siam.
July—6. Burma.
August—Missionary Field Day.
September—7. Korea.

FEBRUARY—Prayer and Praise.

"My gracious Lord, I pray that mighty channels may be opened between man and man, and people and people. Let the river of thy grace fill the channels to the full, and let there be the sound of singing-life in every land. Let the people praise Thee, let all the people praise Thee!"—The prayer that begins with trustfulness, and passes on into waiting, even while in sorrow and sore need, will always end in thankfulness and triumphant praise.—*Alex. MacLaren.*

Suggestive Program

HYMN—"Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven."

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING—LXVII.

BIBLE READING, by Pastor. Jacob and His Night Alone with God:—

Jacob's life was a strange mixture of good and evil until that night he spent alone with God.—Gen. xxxii: 24-32. By deceit he had gained his father's blessing. While fleeing from the wrath of Esau, God met him at Bethel and renewed with him the covenant made with Abraham and Isaac. Through shrewdness and cunning he gained material prosperity, and he did not forget the God of his fathers while he tarried in the pagan country of Haran. There is a continual intermingling of strength and weakness. While Jacob fails not in the worship of Jehovah, there does not seem to be, as yet, that vital relationship, that unquestioning faith and trust which is so essential in the best development of spiritual life. But the time

came when in alarm he knew his weakness, and in most earnest petition he turned to God.—Gen. xxxii: 9-12. Then came the night of conflict, when with weeping and supplication and wrestling with the angel he prevailed with God.—Hosea xii: 4; Gen. xxxii: 28.

Is this experience of Jacob recorded to teach us that prevailing prayer will bring its reward?—James v: 16.

Because of slowness of faith, have we yet to learn the blessings that may come when we pray with all prayer and supplication in the spirit. Eph. vi: 18.

HYMN—"Sweet Hour of Prayer."

READING—"Call to Prayer." (February HELPER)

PRAYER—That, as missionary workers, we may learn to pray the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous, which will avail much for the work of Christian missions.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING for all that Christ means to the world; for what the Holy Spirit has brought to our own lives in the past year; for the blessing of work for and with God, and for the manifest blessings upon our mutual work, even amid changes.

HYMN—"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord."

PRAYERS—(Very definite and special.)

1. For our denominational leaders, that they may be especially guided and directed and infilled with the Spirit in the coming months.

2. For our people, that they may be much in prayer; ready to hear the message of God in the silence; ready to give themselves and all they have as never before.

3. For our missionaries, that they may be strengthened in spirit and body, and given new power in their work in the new year. May their prayers and ours be answered in the ingathering of many souls, now. May the workers in India "dwell in the secret place of the Most High" and be sheltered and kept, in these days of national unrest.

4. For Storer College and its teachers. May we all have vision and faith and energy sufficient to *live up to and cope with our successes in the South.*

DOXOLOGY:

The world situation which we face is in answer to our own prayers. For years we have been beseeching God for this very thing. Now it is here. The world is ready because we have asked that it be made ready. How, then, about being ready ourselves?

God never asks us to do an impossible thing. Ability corresponds to opportunity when the Almighty summons us to act.

There is money enough—money enough for this work of foreign missions and all other work. We have the ability to support this work and every other work He gives us to do.—*Cornelius H. Patton, D. D.*

OUR BURDEN BEARER

The little sharp vexations
And the briars that catch and fret,
Why not take them all to the Helper
Who has never failed us yet?
Tell Him about the heartache,
And tell Him the longings too;

Tell Him the baffled purpose,
When we scarce know what to do,
Then, leaving all our weakness
With the One Divinely strong,
Forget that we bore the burden,
And carry away the song.

Phillips Brooks.

CHINESE TALK

A native Chinese preacher, in a sermon given at a late conference, offered to the preachers the following good counsel, which is well worth the attention of others beside those who dwell in the Flowery Land.

"Ask the Master for Peter's hook to bring up the fish; for David's crook to guide the sheep aright; for Gideon's torch to light up the dark places; for gospel seed without any tares in it; for Moses' guiding rod; for the brazen serpent, to cure the bites of the world's snakes; for David's sling to prostrate your giant foe; for the armor inventoried by Paul in the last chapter of Ephesians; but above all for the wonderful Holy Spirit to help at all times. If we have all these, it is no matter where we go."

"We must remember that it was not by interceding for the world in glory that Jesus saved it. He gave Himself. Our prayers for the evangelization of the world are but a bitter irony so long as we only give of our superfluity, and draw back before the sacrifice of ourselves."—*Selected.*

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears
Pass it on.



All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

"Dear Father, hear us while we pray
That thro the hours of this one day
Our humble dwelling place may be
Fast closed to all despondency.

"Let Sunshine find an entrance here
To fill our hearts with wholesome cheer,
And grant us courage to express
A large unflinching hopefulness."

What we have been able to do for others as Holiday cheer can be judged from the following reports: Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell gave, this year as last, \$5.00; part of this gift was used for a mother and six children who would have had no Christmas but for our Sunshine Society.

Miss E. J. Small sent another of her good cheer dollars. A Providence, R. I., sister a "mite to gladden some little heart."

Mrs. Jennie E. Boucher, an invalid, has raised \$5.00, and Mrs. David Love, with others, has made it possible for the HELPER BRANCH to give \$5.00 more, making \$10.00 our BRANCH has given to the \$50,000 Fund for I. S. S. work. Mrs. Love, Miss A. A. Garland and Mrs. L. T. Mead have given books for our Book Case and a number of post cards.

Mrs. Minnie D. Harnden reports for the Lisbon Falls members many kind acts and also sent a large number of books, box of note paper and a bottle of perfume.

Mrs. Asenath P. Wentworth sent \$1.00 for the comfort of "little ones." Mrs. L. L. Stevens a coat shield. Mrs. Elizabeth Liebhart twenty cents in postage stamps "for Sunshine work." Mrs. S. A. Kelsey gave fifty cents in stamps, some pretty post cards and is passing on her HELPER. Mrs. Nettie Fowler and daughter, Mrs. Eva Allen, gave fifty cents in stamps and are sending out letters and cards.

Mrs. O. A. Smith gave \$1.00 and some stamps "to carry Christmas Sunshine into a darkened home." Miss Helen E. Wentworth sent \$1.00. Cards from Mrs. Benjamin Rhoads. A photo of Miss Bessie M. Blood has been received, this is always Sunshine to your president. A class of boys at Watongo, Okla., have again sent in \$1.00 to be used, this time, for a very needy family. Mrs. Eleanor E. Stevens, 81 years old, and her grand daughter, Mrs. Minnie Bartlett, remembered us with a gift of \$1.00. Mrs. C. S. Saylor, fifty cents "for I. S. S. work." Mrs. Eliza Crane writes "I am 87, but think I am not too old to be useful in the world." \$1.00 was enclosed in her letter.

A number of our members helped in the Christmas work by sending greetings direct. Miss Edith Lang sent for a list of thirty shut ins. Mrs. L. E. Hodgdon sent out a number of post cards Mrs. Frances J. Herberth sent Christmas remembrances. Mrs. Jennie M. French wrote letters to invalids. Mrs. W. L. Dow had a list of ten names. Mrs. Emma F. L. Bickford's S. S. class of nine young ladies wrote good cheer letters also gave a booklet and scripture cards. Mrs. E. A. Libbey's S. S. class of seven young ladies, called the "Gleaners," each dressed a doll and sent greetings to invalids and aged people.

Practical Christian Living

"Everything that brings us nearer to the stature of the completed one in Christ, increases our power for good, and makes us more and more a power in the world about us."

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

THE CHAMBER OVER THE GATE

2d Samuel, 18: 33

BY MRS. M. J. FULTZ

Oh, that little chamber over the gate,
What mysteries it keeps,
Where the king is lost in fatherhood,
As in agony he weeps,
And he cares not for victories in battle won,
But cries out in anguish, "My son, my son."
Forgotten the heartaches, the sin, the shame;
Forgotten the slighted love
Of the wayward son who had stained his name,
As he prayed in the chamber above,
And the bitter cry from his heart is wrung,
"Would to God I had died for thee, my son."
Oh, how many have little rooms over the gate,
Where they go to pray and weep,
And with breaking hearts they tell their Lord
What they cannot to others speak,
For the heart has sorrows the world cannot share,
And we only tell them to God in prayer.
And the loving Father hears the cries,
From the little room over the gate,
And he answers prayers and their tears he dries,
And whispers, "Only wait;
You will see, by and by, why you suffer so,
Just trust me till I let you know."

Portland, Maine.

Words from Home Workers

"To love our work is the secret of doing it well, and everyone can be in love with his work if he will always think how well he can do it and not how easily."



RHODE ISLAND—A unique missionary meeting was held recently at the Roger Williams Church. It was advertised that on Wednesday of rally-week, all the missionary forces of the church would unite in a Missionary Conference. Although a very full week, a good number gathered. About the platform were displayed the maps, charts, pictures and books of the Mission Study Course—"The Nearer and Farther East." The pastor, Dr. Cate, presided. After devotions and a solo by Miss Ida N. Lee, this book and outfit were introduced. Then a representative of each of the named departments of mission work gave a brief survey of work done and planned—the Church Missionary Committee, the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, the C. E. Society, the J. C. E., the King's Daughters, the Boys' Club and the Parish Visitor. General discussion followed. At the close such remarks as these were heard—"I'm glad I came," "Wasn't it a good meeting," "We must have another like this." It certainly was different from the ordinary missionary meeting, but if you want to stimulate mission interest all through the church life—have one like it! Try it!

As an immediate result, within a week, a Mother's Club has been formed, to reach out helpfully to the mothers and homes of the parish and Sunday School.

L. S. F.

Providence.

KANSAS—The Northern Kansas Y. M. W. M. S. met with the Summit Church, October 10, 1908. Meeting opened by singing. Scripture reading by Miss Florence Wagele, prayer by Mrs. McGregor. The report of the secretary and treasurer was read. We have five auxiliaries and seventy-seven members. Amount of money raised, \$292.92. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. L. Abbey; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Atha Ashley; Agent of MISSIONARY HELPER, Miss Ethelyn Grover. Singing, "Speak a Word for Jesus;" Recitation, "A Bird's Ministry," by Mrs. Cora Beardmore; Paper, "The Need of More Prayer," by Mrs. Haines; Song, by Miss Mary Ashley; Recitation, "The Unpaid Debt," by Mrs. Ida Abbey; Remarks, by Miss Nellie Lewis, The needs in western Kansas; Miss Marks gave a short talk about our home missionary work; "Our Field," by Rev. Wolfe. A collection of \$7.01 was voted to be sent to Miss Esaterbrook. Closing prayer by Rev. Haines.

MRS. ATHA ASHLEY, *Secretary.*

Young People

MOTTO:—"As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all."



A Quarterly Department Conducted by Mrs. Minnie A. Milliken, 91 Summer Street, Lawrence, Mas
to whom all communication for this department should be sent.

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President, MR. E. P. METCALF, Providence, R. I., Treasurer, REV. ARTHUR GIVEN, Providence
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"Prayer, Perseverance, Patience."

"To fill the hour—that is happiness; to fill the hour and leave no
crevice for a repentance or an approval."—*Emerson*.



THE FIRE THAT CANNOT BE QUENCHED

Pilgrim journeying to the Celestial City observed a fire burning by a wall, and marveled in that it could not be quenched, though water was being poured upon it. Upon close observation he learned that some one was standing upon the other side, constantly pouring oil upon it. This, then, was the secret of the fire's endurance. Cannot you see the analogy between the fire and the spiritual life of the disciple of Christ? How the pleasures, cares and legitimate duties of life consume one's time and energy until it seems as though the higher life would be quenched! But, God has given us the privilege of communion with Him, that our life in Him may be strengthened day by day.

For some years January has been a month set apart for special prayer and consecration. Shall not we, as young people, avail ourselves of this opportunity to cultivate the prayer life, that we, being renewed, may be able to help some other soul to find the Saviour? Shall we not have a prayer list, praying daily for one or more of our friends by name, asking that they may be brought to love and serve our Master? And while God's spirit is being poured out upon His people in answer to their concerted prayers, and while hearts are tender, may we not try and do a little personal work among those for whom we have been praying? Give the pastor of *your* church a praying band of young people and a revival

fire which cannot be quenched will be the inevitable result. For we are chosen of God to be His Ambassadors to the lost at home and abroad. Every Christian is called to be a missionary. May God help us to become such and to continue faithful throughout the New Year which He has given us.

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A LIVING CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

In a recent number of the Young People's Department it was suggested that each Society have a live missionary social in the month of March, the object being to impart information which should lead to increased inspiration and enthusiasm along mission lines. Here is a plan which is not only profitable, but very enjoyable. Assign to ten or more people a current missionary book which they are asked to read and re-read until they can give the gist of it in their own words in ten or fifteen minutes. Let them each wear a card bearing the name of the book they represent printed or written upon it. Select some one to act as librarian and give out the books as they are called for by patrons of the library. Have a list of names and numbers printed upon a blackboard or large sheet of paper and let three or five people club together and present to the librarian a slip of paper upon which has been written the number of the book they wish to read. The person representing that book then goes to the group of people who have made the selection, telling the story as well as possible. At the end of the time limit the librarian rings a bell when all books must be exchanged. An admission fee may be charged, or each person may pay a specified sum for each book read. The writer has seen this plan tried with good results. In some cases books have been chosen which had been read by the members. A few of our denominational books should be included, such as: "Life Story of Chundra Lela," "Life of Dr. Bachelier," "Missionary Reminiscences" and "History of Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society." This would be a good time to use the unread missionary books in the Sunday School Library. Books might also obtained from the public library.

HER "PLEASURE BOOK"

A great many young people keep a "memorabilia." Here are favors, sprigs of flowers, programmes of entertainments, bits of writing, and

sometimes photographs, each one representing some happy hour that has been passed. But it is to be feared that such a book is sometimes the index of empty pleasures rather than a real happiness, and it may become a regret rather than remain a satisfaction.

A far better book was that kept to the end of her life by a lovely old lady, whose serenely beautiful countenance was unmarred by the lines of care or irritation. So placidly happy was she that a woman given to fretfulness, and almost annoyed by the unassailable peace that shone from the other's face, once asked her the secret of her content.

"My dear," said the elder woman, "I keep a pleasure book."

"What?"

"Yes, a pleasure book. Ever since I was a girl at school, I have kept a daily account of all the pleasant things that have happened to me. I have put down only the pleasant things; the disagreeable ones I have forgotten as soon as possible. In my whole experience I cannot recall a day so dark that it did not contain some little ray of happiness.

"The book is filled with little matters—a flower, a walk, a concert, a new gown, a new thought, a new sentiment, a fresh sign of affection from my family—everything that gave me joy at the time. So if ever I am inclined to be despondent, I sit down and read a few pages in my book, and find out how much I have to be grateful for."

"May I see your book?"

"Certainly."

Slowly the peevish friend turned the leaves. How insignificant the entries seemed! How much they meant! "Saw a beautiful lily in the window." "Talked to a bright, happy girl." "Received a kind letter from a dear friend." "Enjoyed a beautiful sunset." "Husband brought some roses home to me." "My boy out today for the first time after the croup."—*Exchange.*

This gives us an idea. Cannot we have a Pleasure Mite Box. Put in a great many pennies for the bright things that come to us. It will be in the line of Thank Offerings and yet a little different.—*Selected.*

Why should we live half-way up the hill and swathed in mists, when we ought to have an unclouded sky, and a visible sun over our heads, if we would only climb higher and walk in the light of his face?
—*Alexander Maclaren.*

Juniors

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Happy New Year!

WELCOME, SWEET BABY YEAR

He does not speak, but smiling stands,	What the richest monarch rarely finds;
Treasures untold within his hands.	Willing hands and ready feet;
O welcome, welcome, baby year!	Kindly words and tempers sweet;
But what do you bring for us, you dear?	Twelve months of happiness, work, and love,
We want glad hearts and contented minds,	Like a wee, wee bit of heaven above.

—Selected.

Junior Program

SPRINGS IN THE DESERT. Chapter II.

MEMORY TEXT: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

SONG AND SCRIPTURE SERVICE.

1. From whence comes the plea for workers?
"From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Acts 1:8.
2. Where are they going?
"Over the Ocean Wave." Ps. 2:8.
3. What cry comes from the dark lands?
"Send the Light." Acts 16:9.
4. For whom is this Light?
"Whosoever Heareth." Rev. 22:17.
5. What does the light bring?
"Sunshine in my Soul."
6. In times of discouragement what comfort do the missionaries have?
"He Leadeth Me." Ps. 23:2.
7. What will the final result be?

"Jesus Shall Reign." Rev. 11:15.—*Mission Dayspring*.

PRAYER by the Superintendent, followed by sentence prayers by Juniors.

A FACT About Our Own Mission Field.

THE LESSON.—1 Map talk and geography lesson. 2. Description of a pilgrimage to Mecca, using as many pictures as possible. Besides the set of pictures which accompany the senior text-book, many illustrations found in files of magazines will be helpful—pictures of the desert, its people, oases, caravans, camels, the Moslem call to prayer, anything that will make the environment of the lesson seem real. 3. Arabic language and schools. 4. Childhood among the Bedouins. 5. Oases. 6. Arabia's Hope.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

PRAYER for these children of the desert.

CLOSING SONG.

STATEMENT OF THE ROLL OF HONOR.

(Shares in the salary of Miss E. E. Barnes are \$4 each.)

Since last September the following have been added to the list:

Vt., Rev. and Mrs. Pease.....	1 share
Mich., Manton, S. S.....	1 share
Ohio, Sugar Run Church.....	2 shares
Ill, Chicago, Mission Church, Paid \$2.50.	
Mich., Ortonville, S. S. and C. E., Paid \$3.00.	

As is our usual custom I have examined the Roll of Honor, giving credit for all money received from November, 1907, to December, 1908. I give below the shares that have not been paid during that time. If there is any mistake in this list, I trust my attention will be called to it at once.

Mich., Kingston, A. C. F.....	1 share
Minn., Winona, Mission Band.....	1 share
Kas., Summit, Junior C. E.....	1 share
R. I., Carolina, Junior C. E.....	1 share
N. H., Manchester, Junior, C. E.....	1 share
Minn., Madelia, F. B. S. S.....	1 share
Mich., West Kinderhook, 1st F. W. B. S. S.....	1 share
Mass., Somerville, Juniors.....	1 share

N. H., Gilmanton Iron Works, S. S.....	1 share
N. H., Moultonboro and Tuftonboro, Church.....	1 share
Vt., Enosburg Falls, Juniors.....	1 share
Me., Bangor, Juniors.....	1 share
Minn., Blue Earth, F. B. S. S.....	3 shares
N. H., New Hampton, girls.....	1 share
Ind., Badger, Infant Class of F. B. Church.....	1 share
Me., Biddeford, Mission Band.....	2 shares
Iowa, Hillsboro, F. B. S. S.....	1 share
Mich., Algansee, S. S.....	1 share
Mich., Pittsford, Aux.....	1 share
N. H., Franklin, S. S. Pri. Dep't.....	1 share
N. H., Lakeport, Juniors.....	1 share
Me., Pittsfield, Junior C. E.....	1 share

There are in this list 25 shares in part or wholly unpaid, which, according to our rules, will be stricken from the Roll of Honor the first of March, unless the money is received for them before that time. It is earnestly desired that these shares be paid at once, so that they may appear in the corrected Roll in April. We do not want to lose one share and we hope no one wants to see their Junior Society or Sunday School stricken from the Roll of Honor. We need 125 shares in order to pay Miss Barnes' salary in full. Please remember the limit of time—March 1.

LAURA A. DeMERITTE, Treasurer.

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for November, 1908

MAINE		
Auburn F B Ch Jr C E Miss Barnes.....	\$ 4 00	
Augusta Aux Miss Coombs' sal'y.....	2 00	
Augusta Mrs Ebenezer Knowlton in memoriam.....	20 00	
Bridgewater by Mrs Kimball.....	1 00	
Bowdoinham Ridge Aux Contgt Fd.....	1 25	
Casco Aux Miss Coombs.....	7 00	
Sasco Aux for S O.....	5 00	
Cumberland Conf Coll.....	6 75	
E Raymond by Mrs Foss for S O.....	1 00	
Ellsworth Q M Aux.....	5 50	
Ft Fairfield Aux by Mrs Addie M Childs		
1.00 Pres Home; 4.00 Miss Coombs.....	5 00	
Ditto by Miss Flora T Thurlough for Miss		
HELPER.....	3 00	
Farmington Q M for Ollie in S O.....	3 00	
Grev Aux for Miss Coombs' sal'y.....	2 00	
Hollis Aux for F M.....	5 00	
Houlton Q M Aux Coll 8.00; dues 2.00.....	10 00	
Kennebunk & Kennebunkport Ch.....	5 06	
Kingfield Aux F M.....	11 00	
Lewiston Main St Aux Pres Home.....	5 00	
Ditto Maia St Aux Miss Coombs.....	1 00	
Ditto Main St Aux Miss Coombs.....	14 00	
Lisbon Aux.....	20 00	
Litchfield by Mrs Emily Taylor Smith's		
dues.....	1 00	
Litchfield Plains Aux for G W & L M fee		
Gen Soc'y Mrs Addie Packard.....	5 00	
Madison Aux for teacher Bal.....	20 10	
Mapleton Aux teacher Bal.....	5 00	
Milo Nat teacher's sal'y.....	6 25	
No Lebanon C R 4.00; by Aux 4.00.....	8 00	
No Berwick 2d Ch Aux child S O.....	25 00	
No Berwick 2d Ch Aux by dues.....	13 96	
No Lebanon Aux Miss Coombs.....	5 00	
Ocean Park Mrs Mary A Davis Pres Home.....	25 00	
Ocean Park Mrs R M F Buzzell for Miss		
HELPER.....	3 00	
Portland Aux Miss Coombs' sal'y.....	18 00	

Portland by Mrs A W Jefferson for Miss Barnes	4 00
Portland Miss Nellie C Whittemore for F M	5 00
Portland by Miss Berry's S S Class for Colporter Bal	6 25
Steep Falls Aux for Hindu Boys' School No 9 Mid	6 25
Steep Falls for ditto	6 25
Steep Falls A L B for Miss Barnes	2 00
Steep Falls C R	1 25
So Portland & Cape Elizabeth Aux for Jesoda teacher at Mid	3 00
So Limington Aux	4 50
W Buxton Aux Miss Coombs	2 25
Waterville Conf Aux Coll for Contgt Fd	7 06
W Falmouth Aux Dom Sci Storer	5 00
W Falmouth Aux Helping Hands for Miss Barnes	4 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Danville Aux	\$ 10 00
Dover Miss Crissie Mathews	2 00
Dover Mr Laymon for Pres Home	1 00
Dover Wash St Aux Jessie Mid	12 50
Dover Wash St H H & F M Soc'y; F W & E E Demeritt zen teacher Bal	25 00
Hampton Mrs Waterman Pres Home	10 00
Hampton Miss Butts	5 00
Hampton for Storer	5 00
Hampton two friends for Pres Home	55 00
Jackson	5 00
Laconia Aux	20 00
Manchester Aux A friend 2.00 for F M; 1.00 H M	3 00
Pittsfield Aux dues	6 00
Wolfboro Q M W M S	4 00

VERMONT

Lyndon Ctre Ch Aux Miss Dawson	\$ 10 00
Newport Ctre Ch Miss Dawson	6 00
Wheelock Asso Coll	2 25

MASSACHUSETTS

Amesbury Mrs L R Moulton Storer	\$ 1 00
Amesbury Mrs C M Lamprey Storer	1 00

RHODE ISLAND

No Scituate Ch for K W	\$ 5 00
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NEW YORK

Tioga Co Q M Ladies' M Soc'y for Girls' School Bal	\$ 50 00
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MICHIGAN

Brownsville C R	\$ 30
Batavia Aux Dr B	3 48
Bankers Aux Dr B 1.64; H M 1.64; Storer 82c	4 10
Cass & Berrien Q M Pres Home Storer	5 51
E Rome Aux Orphanage Girl	26 00
Fairfield Aux Dr B 2.30; H M 2.30; Storer 1.15	5 75
Gobleville Aux C R	5 00
Gobleville S S Miss Barnes	5 00
Grand Ledge Aux Dr B 2.00; H M 2.00; Storer 1.00	5 00

Hillsdale Aux Dr B 7 00; H M 7.00; Storer 3.50; C R 1.35	18 85
Jackson Aux Dr B 4.40; H M 4.40; Storer 2.20	11 00
Litchfield Aux H M F M Storer 1.00 each on L M Mrs Maggie Cobb of Litchfield Mich	3 00
Maple Grove Aux F M	1 60
Michigan Asso Dr B 10.00; Pres Home 5.00	15 00
Mason Aux Dr B	2 75
Mason C R	90
Manton S S Miss Barnes	1 00
No Rome Aux Dr B 1.23; H M 1.22; Storer 61c	3 06
No Reading Aux Dr B 3.90; H M 3.90; Storer 1.95	9 75
Oxford Q M Dr B 1.58; H M 1.59	3 17
Onsted Aux Dr B 3.88; H M 3.88; Storer 1.94	9 70
Osceo Aux Dr B 4.80; H M 4.80; Storer 2.40	12 00
Paw Paw Aux Dr B 80c; H M 80c; Storer 40c	2 00
Reading Aux Dr B 80c; H M 80c; Storer 40c	2 00
Union Aux Dr B	3 70
W Cambria Willing Workers Miss Barnes	12 00
W Cambria Aux Dr B 1.00; H M 1.00; Storer 50c	2 50
W Oshtemo Aux Dr B 1.20; H M 1.20; Storer 60c; Contgt Fd 5.00	8 60
Bliss Clark Garrie C R	30
Ida Elizabeth Cole C R	30

MINNESOTA

Champlin W M S Bible Wom Mid	\$ 10 00
Winnebago Aux H M	10 25

KANSAS

Summit Ch C R Viola French Webb	\$ 25
Summit Ch Martha Elizabeth Webb	25

SOUTH DAKOTA

Valley Springs Miss Band Miss Barnes	\$ 4 00
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WASHINGTON

Spokane Mrs H J G Croswell and Mrs E F Henion Minneapolis Minn for zen teacher Mid	\$ 25 00
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QUEBEC

Coaticooke O M Moulton	\$ 5 00
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MISCELLANEOUS

A friend for Pres Home Storer	\$525 00
Income S O 14.91; Storer 8.95	23 86
Income S O 10.00; W H 10.00	20 00
Interest Moulton Fund for zen teacher Bal	15 00

Total for November, 1908 . . . \$1,370 30

Total for November, 1907 . . . 767 17

LAURA A. DEMERITT, Treas.

Dover N. H.

Per EDYTH R. PORTER, Asst. Treas.

45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of—to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine.